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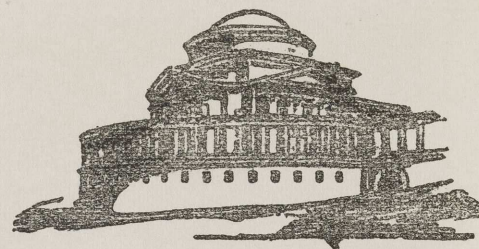
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EXERCISES IN HONOR OF THE BICENTENARY OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTH

WILL BE HELD MONDAY IN THE GOULD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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The complete program for New York University's celebration of the Washington Bicentennial tomorrow (February 22) at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Gould Memorial Library at University Heights, was announced late Saturday by Chancellor Elmer Ellsworth Brown and Dr. Robert Underwood Johnson.

The program is international in character and is designed to stress the cooperation of France with the American Revolutionary Forces. Special emphasis will be placed on the part of LaFayette played in the American fight for Independence, and his friendship with George Washington.

A direct descendant of LaFayette together with several other distinguished Frenchmen will join prominent Americans in paying tribute to the memory of Washington and LaFayette.

A replica of the famous Houdon bust of LaFayette will be presented to New York University by Dr. Johnson, in behalf of an
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anonymous donor. The bronze will be placed in a niche in the Gould Memorial Library facing the colonnade of the Hall of Fame.

An academic procession of the speakers and distinguished guests will precede the formal ceremonies. The procession will be led by the Gloria Trumpeters who will play the "George Washington March" which John Philip Sousa has composed for the Washington Bicentennial.

Chancellor Elmer Ellsworth Brown will open the program with an address of greeting. Dr. Johnson will read his poem "The Sword of LaFayette" written at the time of America's entry into the World War.

A sword of LaFayette which the Marquis carried on his last visit to this country will be displayed as the poem is read. The sword is owned by a member of the family of LaFayette and was sent to this country for this occasion.

Comte René de Chambrun, great-great-great-great grandson of LaFayette, will represent the family of the celebrated Marquis and acknowledge the tribute paid to his distinguished ancestor.

Dr. Sébastien Charléty, recteur of the University of Paris and M. André Chevrillon, member of l'Académie Française, who have come from France especially to be present at the ceremonies, will pay tribute to LaFayette. Colonel François Pillon, military attaché of the French Embassy will represent his Excellency, M. Paul Claudel, the French Ambassador, and will also speak of the French hero.

Judge Samuel Seabury and Miss Agnes Repplier will pay tribute to the memory of Washington. Dr. Edwin Markham will read his poem "Washington, The Nation Builder" written particularly
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for the Bicentennial Celebration.

Edward Johnson, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will sing by courtesy of the Metropolitan Opera Company, the French and American national anthems.

The family of Martha Washington will be represented at the ceremonies by George Lyttleton Upshur.

During the ceremonies the dirigible Los Angeles will fly over the Hall of Fame as a tribute to Washington and Lafayette. A salute will be fired by the New York University R.O.T.C.

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